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For: METHOD FOR WATER  
HAMMERLESS OPENING OF FLUID  
PASSAGE, AND METHOD FOR  
SUPPLYING CHEMICAL  
SOLUTIONS AND DEVICE FOR  
WATER HAMMERLESS OPENING  
FOR WHICH THE METHOD IS USED

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, this Information Disclosure Statement in connection with the above-identified application is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d).

The document identified on Form PTO/SB/08A was cited in an Office Action mailed February 12, 2010 in co-pending U.S. Application Serial Number 11/762,987 (Attorney Docket No. SUGI0175), filed June 14, 2007. Its relevance is believed to be clear from said Office Action. Accordingly, no further comment regarding the disclosures of this document is believed to be required. In accordance with Official Gazette Notice dated August 5, 2003, a copy of the U.S. patent application publication is not attached.

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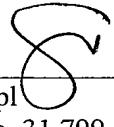
The Office Action was mailed on February 12, 2010, i.e., less than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. No item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the attached documents be considered and officially cited, and that the Examiner initial a copy of Form PTO/SB/08A, and return it to the undersigned to indicate that these documents have been considered.

A fee of \$180.00 as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is attached. It is therefore believed that the present Information Disclosure Statement complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97-8, but if additional fees are required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1281.

Respectfully submitted,

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